

International 29er Class Association

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the World Council July 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm by President Charles Glover at the Lubecker Yacht Club, Lubeck, Germany

Executive Committee members in attendance:

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| Charles Glover | President | GBR |
| Christian Kramer | VP Europe | GER |
| Willie McBride | VP North America | USA |
| David Price | VP Australasia | AUS |
| Chris Turner | Builders Rep | GBR |
| Jerelyn Biehl | Executive Director | |

Apologies for absence: Barry Johnson, Gerardo Seeliger, Amish Ved, Jen Morgan-Glass, Eduard Rodes.

Representatives of the following National Associations:

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| George Stent | AUS |
| Martin Hoffmann | SUI |
| KC Agerup/Nils Klippenberg | NOR |
| Susanna Sommerland | SWE |
| Henk Vanderveer | NED |
| Nick Hollis | HKG |
| Ian Woodbury | CAN |
| Peter MacDonald | USA |
| Folke Galsgaard | DEN |
| Martin Orton/John Mather | GBR |
| Frank Trittel | ESP |
| Miikka Pennanen | FIN |
| Neil Malan | RSA |

Clarification

President Glover gave a brief overview of the various roles as outlined in the Constitution:

World Council: role is governance & policy.

Executive Committee: role is to administer & manage the Class

Minutes: A motion was made by Peter MacDonald, seconded by Martin Orton to accept the minutes from the 2011 World Council meeting as distributed with the only changes submitted by Jen Morgan-Glass. The motion carried unanimously.

President's Report:

President Glover noted that things are positive for skiff sailing, and in particular with the 9er more broadly and the 29er in particular. This demonstrates the level of enthusiasm

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for skiff sailing. 216 participants at the Worlds is a new record and Charles thanked Christian Kramer and Germany for hosting a great event. The financial position has gone from strength to strength. Currently there is \$67,000 on the balance sheet. President Glover's position is that we should not sit on our members money but we should help to develop to help our class more widely. Thanks to the countries for submitting reports as we can only get better with sharing information. I'm thrilled with the newly established fleets: Estonia, Russia and India. We have invested in attending ISAF meetings to meet with these nations. We have the benefit of the Olympics now with the FX. We have to thank Jen for her hard work with the 29erXX and it was disappointing to not be chosen. We are moving toward a submission to present the boys and girls 29ers in the ISAF Youth Worlds. I would like to apologize for not being as involved or responsive and I would like to see more communication, more Executive Committee discussion and I would like to propose at the end that the Executive meet via Skype quarterly.

Old Business

- Technical Committee: this is as prescribed in the Constitution.
- Events Committee: CG is to bring forward proposals for the creation of an events committee to help with the research and organization of the EuroCup Series, European Championship and World Championships.

Finances

Accounts were sent to the Treasurer but no comments were received. Charles will follow up to see if Peter Marchart is still interested in being involved.

Balance Sheet: \$67,000

The 29erXX accounts have been separated since January.

Budget for 2012 shows a surplus of \$25,000

A motion was made by Nick Hollis and seconded by KC Agerup, to accept the financial statements from 2011, as presented. The motion was approved by the majority.

A motion was made by David Price, seconded by Peter MacDonald to approved the Budget for 2012 as presented. The motion was approved by the majority

Ordinary Resolutions

A motion was made to appoint Barry Johnson as Chief Measurer: motion was approved by the majority. Barry Johnson was thanked for his continued commitment and work with ISAF which at times can be challenging. Comments were also made of adding Agnes Lill as a measurer and the shared cost of travel & training with the 49er and 29erXX classes.

Special Resolutions

1. Submitted by the German Class Association:

Change to ISAF RRS, ISAF International Class Regulations, Change of Measurement

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We propose that the way of measurement will be changed in order to save time at measurements and to have better quality and fairness of boats at all regattas.

Therefore the weight of the boat should be noted on the boat in a permanent way. This should be done ideally by the manufacturer, latest at the first international regatta of the boat. From then on no additional measurement of the weight should be necessary except if any needed additional weight was necessary and shall be removed due to natural increased weight of the boat. The same should be applied for the forestay and the distance of the mast to the bow. Regarding the measurement of the sails we propose that there is no measurement if that is compliant with ISAF rules. All sails are official sails and have official stickers with sail numbers attached.

Furthermore we propose that the sailors are always responsible for a measurement compliant boat. That means that they may go to the measurement but they do not have to if everything was measured before and the sailors know that they did not change anything. The measurer may at any time choose to do a control measurement with a boat – maybe only in Gold fleet.

Discussion was held of forwarding questions to the Chief measurer for consideration. Charles discussed the skiff element and to ensure that we keep measurement honest and responsible yet efficient.

Further Comments:

Sail numbers: RRS must be followed

Weighing: self certification or options of weighing prior to events. Top 3 weighed at events or after races.

Forestay: event sealed every event - Technical Committee to provide Class with numbered zip ties for distribution.

Spot checking would be another method. Discussion over having the Technical Committee to possibly look at self certification.

A motion was made to investigate how to make measurement lighter and shall be done by Barry & Technical Committee and to look at ISAF and our internal rules and the venue. Seconded by David Price. Motion carried by majority.

2. Submitted by German Class Association

Special Resolution, Change to Constitution Section 7; World Council Meeting

Currently the yearly meeting of the class takes place without any members itself. The members think that this is not ok and should be changed – like in other classes for example 505.

We propose that the world council meeting will change into a world member meeting.

Christian Kramer rejected his motion and accepted the following motion made by President Charles Glover, seconded by Martin Orton: To continue with the role of World Council as identified in Constitution bringing opinions and comments of members.

To formally identify a sailors meeting/forum at every worlds at least 24 hours prior to the World Council meeting so comments can be considered. The meeting should be formally structured with an agenda and given the same notice period as the World Council meeting. The output should be published and specify that members of the World Council should attend and the Forum should be chaired by the President.

Motion carried unanimously.

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3. Submitted by German Class Association

Special Resolution, Change to Constitution, Section 12; World member fee

We apply for omitting the collection of the international member fee in the current way. The effort to collect the Euro 10 does cost much more than the Euro 10 itself – at least on our side respect. the sailors side. We also believe the effort in the international class administration is more than the amount collected. Instead we propose – if additional money is needed – that a kind of international fee is collected via the entry fee at international regattas. The event club than transfers one amount at the end of the regatta.

Christian Kramer questioned the intention of collection. Either collect more dues somewhere else or raise the fee. Point of clarification was brought up of 2006 minutes to reinforce membership in each country and a clarification that all National Association members should be international members and not just those competing internationally as was the case in some countries. (see 2006 minute except below)

“Proposal by Scott Babbage: each individual member who is a 29er sailor must be a member of the International Association. Motion seconded by Ross Whitburn, NZL. 10€ per member proposed as the new dues fee. Motion passed.”

Discussion of altering collection method of dues: No motion to alter the method was proposed. Model for each national association to ensure that dues are collected and sailors are members of the international class. It was agreed that each national association should use a model to collect fees in the most appropriate way. The current method of collecting via the website will remain as is.

Increase in the amount: no motion was received.

The Int. 29er Class office can check numbers by looking at National results of each country as a spot check.

4. Submitted by the German Class Association

Special Resolution, Change to Constitution, Section 8.5, Executive Director

We never understood the change of the name from “Class Secretary” to “Executive Director”. We believe that the class needs a proper class secretary rather than an executive director.

We also never received a job description nor a detailed timetable of work done for the class.

We also never received the contractual base for the executive director. As we do pay \$ 30.000 per year we need to know what are we paying for.

We are asking for the above since years and so far never received any details.

We therefore apply for

- a. receiving a detailed job description and more important
- b. receiving a detailed timetable of work done for each year
- c. receiving the contractual base
- d. officially voting the executive director / class secretary by the World Council / Member meeting

President Glover explained that the Executive Committee manages & administers the Class. It was agreed that this was appropriate. The Constitution was quoted with regards to this matter:

8.5 The Executive Secretary may be employed by the Executive Committee at such times and on terms and conditions determined by it.

It was discussed if this should be taken away from the Executive Committee and the decision was no. The current contract with One Design Management is for 12 months ending Dec. 31, 2012 and a list of tasks was shared with the World Council. Christian

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Kramer withdrew the motion and would like to forward the information to the Executive Committee for consideration. This is not a critique on One Design Management and their services.

5. Submitted by Builders Representative, Chris Turner, Ovington Boats

Special Resolution, Change to Class Rules, Section E.4, Hull Appendages

We would like to propose a change of the centre board and rudder to a 'moulded' composite type rather than the alloy. There will be a price increase but the quality of the boards will be much, much better than what we have now.

The motion was made by Chris Turner, seconded by Christian Kramer, to allow further investigation to be undertaken by the Technical Committee (see below) presented at the 2013 AGM at the latest with intermittent reports to the Executive and World Council. Motion carried with ESP and RSA against.

Further Instructions:

Technical Committee: following consultation with the Constitution, the minutes from 2011 must be amended to follow the Constitution.

Guidance to the Technical Committee: motion to accept FRP boards and process to the TC. Application form to be published on the website for people interested in the Technical Committee. Miikka, Ian Woodbury, Nick Hollis.

10 foils to be distributed around the World to be decided by the Technical Committee but to take account of varying air and sea temperature.

Time Scale & process: test & report @ 2013 AGM. Submit specification to ISAF at the Nov 2013, with possible approval/implementation by Jan 2014. Progress report to the Executive Committee bi-monthly. Builders would be looking for a commitment from the Class after the temporary moulds have been built to keep the development costs reasonable.

Key Questions for the Committee

- how many, where & who
- introduction; cost vs. benefit to sailors
- when, sunset, Price: 10%?

6. Reports from Countries circulated among all countries separately.

7. **Future Venues**

A review of the 2011 minutes bids submitted by Pwllheli and Medemblik for 2015 Worlds or Euros 2014. 2014 Worlds were voted to go to Canada. Discussion was held as to determine if we will restrict the bids to last year or open to a new bid.

A motion was made by Christian Kramer, seconded by KC Agerup to add NOR 2014 Europeans to be considered. 22 voted in favor, GBR abstained. Motion passed.

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Proposal by Charles Glover, seconded by Christian Kramer to move into the process to evaluate bids of the 2014 Europeans and 2015 Worlds by Sept 30 with a vote to be taken by Oct 31 by the World Council.

A presentation of the NOR venue was made by KC Agerup.

Future process for Venue Selection:

European championship 2 years ahead (change to 3 years)

Worlds 3 years ahead

1 month prior to WC: the bid acceptance period will close.

It was also noted that we must also look into ISAF Youth Worlds timing for events to coordinate with charter boats.

Date of 2013 Worlds to be confirmed and distributed to WC

Agree on date & venue of 2013 World Council venue to be confirmed with above dates.

General Discussion

NOR - use of helmets with sailors. A Committee to investigate will be formed: NOR (KC Agerup) and AUS (Pricey) and ESP (Frank Trittel) to present at the 2013 AGM

2016: AUS gave their intention to present for Worlds with a 5 series event in 2015/2016.

Technical: top section with spin halyard sheaves. Suggestion to add eye to spinnaker halyard sheave block to keep from wear & tear.

Executive Committee to meet on a quarterly basis via Skype

Suggest that Executive Committee should be allowed to structure a process to work with developing nations. A budget will be prepared as a development budget to be presented.

Event Committee to work with country to meet requirements for major events.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm